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SUBJ: CASE REVIEW OF ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO:

WILLIAM JONATHAN HALE, AKA: MICHAEL STEINER

REF: STATE 194199

ALLEGATION OF TORTURE/ABUSE AT TIME OF ARREST.

PRISONER ALLEGED TO CONOFF AT FIRST VISIT FEBRUARY 4, 1975 THAT HE WAS BEATEN AND FORCED TO SIGN STATEMENT UNDER DURESS AT TIME OF ARREST JANUARY 26. NO EVIDENCE IN FILE WHETHER PRISONER LODGED COMPLAINT AT THAT TIME IN VIEW OF AMOUNT OF TIME THAT HAS LAPSED SINCE THEN. THERE APPEARS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE CLAIM COULD BE DEVELOPED AT THIS TIME.

ALLEGATION OF MISTREATMENT/EXTORTION WHILE IN PRISON.

CONSULAR FILE FEBRUARY 10, 1975 INDICATES HALE REQUESTED A DOCTOR TO EXAMINE HIM AND BACK UP HIS CLAIM OF BEING BEATEN. NO FURTHER EVIDENCE IN FILE ON SUBJECT. PRESENT CONOFF WILL INQUIRE IF PRISONER EVER HAD DOCTOR CERTIFY TO THE EVIDENCE OF A BEATING.

HALE WAS SENTENCED ON OCTOBER 24, 1975 TO THREE YEARS TEN MONTHS.

NO RECORD IN FILE AS TO WHETHER PRISONER APPEALED SENTENCE.

CONOFF WILL INQUIRE AT NEXT PRISON VISIT.

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